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**TEACHER OF THE YEAR** nomination deadline is November 10. Nominations for the annual award sponsored by the Council of Chief State School Officers and *LOOK* magazine may be submitted to Mrs. Phyllis Hopkins, 3322 Iris Lane, Billings 59101. Mrs. Hopkins is chairman of the MEA Department of Classroom Teachers committee which is coordinating the program in Montana this year. Most important consideration in the selection of nominees is a superior ability to impart knowledge and to inspire students with a love of learning.

**MONTANA COUNCIL OF TEACHERS OF MATHEMATICS** Mini-Conference is scheduled for November 14 in Kalispell.

**FEDERAL IMPACT APPLICANTS:** The required membership survey for school districts filing applications under the provisions of Title I of Public Law 81-874 may be taken no earlier than the fourth day of the legal school session after the beginning of the regular school year and no later than January 15, 1971, which is the filing date for applications with the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction. Please note that the final filing date for Form RSF-1 has been advanced from previous years; therefore, school districts should make appropriate changes in the schedule of events which relates to the submission of Form RSF-1. Comparable district data and application materials for the current school year will be sent to applicants by the end of this month. If you have questions, write or call Wayne F. Haefer, Assistant Superintendent, Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

**STATE CAMP FOR DIABETIC CHILDREN** will be sponsored this year by the Treasure State Diabetic Club. Teachers are asked to see that parents of diabetic children are aware of this opportunity. Further information is available from Mrs. Barbara Trehwella, President, 2131 Highland Avenue, Helena 59601.

**EDUCATION OF THE HANDICAPPED:** Instructional and reference materials for special education are available from the State Superintendent's Office under Public Law 91-230. Requests for materials and for demonstrations on their use should be made to James Guffey, Instructional Materials Consultant, Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

**AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS** Upper Midwest Regional Drive-In Conference is scheduled for April 25 through 27 in Billings.

**EPDA B-2:** Funds are available to local school districts under EPDA B-2 to train teachers and teacher aides to meet statewide staffing shortages in critical areas. Information and application forms are available from Herman Tushaus, Education Professions Development Supervisor, Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

**VOCATIONAL EDUCATION TRAINING COURSE GUIDES**, published by the U. S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare, are available on a limited basis for a variety of occupations. Call or write Tom Ryan, Manpower Training Supervisor, Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction for further information.

**THE SPOTTED HORSE**, by Henry Tall Bull and Tom Weist, is the second of a series of booklets on Montana Indian life now available from the Reading Center, Eastern Montana College, Billings 59101. *The Spotted Horse* is a story of Cheyenne Indian buffalo days.

**SCHOLASTIC PHOTOGRAPHY AWARDS PROGRAM**, conducted by Scholastic Magazines, Inc. and sponsored by Eastman Kodak Company, is open to students in grades 7 through 12 enrolled in public or private schools. Entries may be submitted in both black-and-white and color classifications. Cash awards will be presented to students winning national honors. Rules booklets are available from Scholastic Photography Awards, 50 West 44th Street, New York, New York 10036.

**MONTANA HISTORIAN**, a magazine for local history, has been initiated through the cooperative efforts of the Hill Foundation, the University of Montana and the Montana Historical Society. The first issue, which appeared last month, was written by history students at Stevensville High School. The magazine will be published four times yearly and will contain articles written by students in local history clubs throughout Montana. Students and teachers interested in organizing local clubs should write to Director, Montana Historian Clubs, University of Montana, Missoula 59801.

**MAYFLOWER COMPACT**: Copies of the Mayflower Compact may be secured free of charge from K. B. Copenhaver, Box 95, Conrad 59425. Teachers may request one copy per pupil.

**SAFA AREA MEETINGS**: The State Superintendent's Office in cooperation with the Denver Regional Office of the U. S. Office of Education will conduct a series of area meetings this month regarding the Federal Impact program. The meetings will deal with the preparation of Form RSF-1, the revised SAFA Bulletin No. 51 and other program changes now in effect. Meetings are scheduled for November 2 in Glasgow, November 3 in Great Falls, November 4 in Missoula and November 12 in Billings. Detailed information regarding the meetings has been sent to authorized program representatives.

**BASIL C. ASHCRAFT**, State FFA Advisor and Agriculture Education Supervisor for the State Superintendent's Office, received the Future Farmers of America Honorary American Farmer Degree at the 43rd National FFA Conference in Kansas City. Mr. Ashcraft has been with the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction for 21 years and has served in various capacities relating to agriculture education.

**ANNUAL GOOD CITIZEN CONTEST**, sponsored by the Montana State Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, has been approved for voluntary participation. Information will be sent to each accredited public and private high school later this fall by members of DAR chapters.

**PUTTING RESEARCH INTO EDUCATIONAL PRACTICE (PREP)**: Series 13, "Sharing Educational Services," explores the area of shared services in rural schools. Several Montana programs are described. To obtain a copy, write to Mrs. Margaret Brown, Educational Media Librarian, Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

**DRUG EDUCATION TRAINING**: The five-member state training team sponsored by the State Superintendent's Drug Education Training Program has returned from an intensive course of study at the National Training Center in San Francisco. Team members are now available to assist schools in training local educational personnel. For further information, contact Mrs. Shirley Miller, Drug Education Training Supervisor, Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

**MONTANA, THE MAGAZINE OF WESTERN HISTORY**: Back issues of the magazine are available to junior high and high school history teachers. Send requests to Sam Gilluly, Director, Montana Historical Society, Veterans-Pioneers Memorial Building, Helena 59601.

#### **STAFF CHANGES IN THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE:**

John Kimble, formerly Systems Analyst for the Montana Highway Patrol, is Systems Analyst in the Research, Planning, Development and Evaluation component.

Brent Poulton, formerly Coordinator of Handicapped Children's Services, Southwest Educational Development Center, Cedar City, Utah, is Adult Basic Education Supervisor.